

Virginia Emergency Operations Center

Severe Weather/Danville City Flash Flooding

Situation Report

As of 1500 hours 1 January 2007

SITUATION:

Very heavy rainfall overnight of up to 4 inches has resulted in rapid rises along the Dan River. Minor to moderate River flooding will occur through midweek. Over the course of the last 4 hours, forecasted flooding has changed from moderate to major severity for the Dan River. It is projected by the NWS Blacksburg that these localities will be impacted: Danville City, Halifax and Pittsylvania County.

WEATHER:

Monday night: Partly cloudy, cooler with lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the Upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

Tuesday night: Clear. Lows in the Upper 20s. Light and variable winds.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

Local Emergency Declarations: Danville City 1000 hours 01/01/07

Local Emergency Operation Centers Activated: Danville City 1000 hours 01/01/07. Danville CERT team members, Red Cross, Fire & EMS, and Public Works personnel working at the EOC.

Evacuations/Shelters: Danville City – 15 people evacuated by boat/5 shelters opened for those individuals, 10 people residing with family & friends, 4 individuals refused to be evacuated

Property Damage: 1 church with major damage and several small businesses damaged

STATE ACTIVITIES:

Department of Emergency Management: Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) monitoring the situation and the NWS forecasts for updates. Regional Coordinator Stan Crigger on scene at the Danville EOC. Hazardous Material Officer Wade Collins also in the Danville area conducting damage assessments. Regional Coordinator Michael Cocker has been in contact with Halifax County Deputy Emergency Services Coordinator who advises no issues at this time.

Department of Transportation: 59 Secondary roads closed. Report recvd from VDOT at 1454 hours and relayed to Division Directors & Section Heads and Reg Coord Crigger.

State Police: One Swift Water Rescue Team on scene in Danville. VSP Medflight III has been requested and is responding to Danville for damage assessment fly-over.

PROJECTED ACTIONS:

- Continue monitoring situation with localities identified above and National Weather Service
- Respond to request(s) for assistance
- Close monitoring of the Battery Park area of Richmond City due to past rain event. VEOC was requested by Governor's Office to contact ESC Benjamin Johnson for a status. At 1352 hours, Johnson advised they have about 15 feet of water at Battery Park. The pumps are keeping up with the rain at this time, however if rain continues steady at the present rate the pumps will keep up. If rain gets any heavier they may have problems.
- Coordinate with State Agencies if needed

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